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File: USPT

Oct 23, 1990

US-PAT-NO: 4965763

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4965763 A

TITLE: Computer method for automatic extraction of commonly specified information from business correspondence

DATE-ISSUED: October 23, 1990

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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APPL-NO: 7/ 308955 [PALM]

DATE FILED: February 6, 1989

## PARENT-CASE:

This is a continuation of U.S. patent application Ser. No. 021,078, filed Mar. 3, 1987, now abandoned.

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FIELD-OF-SEARCH: 364/2MSFile, 364/9MSFile, 364/419

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ART-UNIT: 237

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ABSTRACT:

A Parametric Information Extraction (PIE) system has been developed to identify automatically commonly specified information such as author, date, recipient, address, subject statement, etc. from documents in free format. The program-generated data can be used directly or can be supplemented manually to provide automatic indexing or indexing aid, respectively.

2 Claims, 18 Drawing figures

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File: USPT

Apr 3, 1990

US-PAT-NO: 4914590

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4914590 A

TITLE: Natural language understanding system

DATE-ISSUED: April 3, 1990

## INVENTOR-INFORMATION:

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DATE FILED: May 18, 1988

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ART-UNIT: 236

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#### ABSTRACT:

A hybrid natural language understanding (NLU) system which is particularly designed for processing natural language text. Primary functional components of the NLU system include a preprocessor; a word look-up and morphology module which communicates with a lexicon and a learning module; a syntactic parser which interfaces with an augmented transition network (ATN) grammar; a case frame applier, which converts the syntactic structure into canonical, semantic "case frames"; and a discourse analysis component which integrates explicit and implied information in the text into a conceptual structure which represents its meaning. This structure may be passed on to a knowledge based system, data base, to interested analysts or decision makers, etc. Significant feedback points are provided, e.g., the case frame applier may notify the syntactic parser of a semantically incorrect parse, or the syntactic parser may seek a semantic judgment based on a fragmentary parse. This system incorporates a novel semantic analysis approach based largely on case grammar.

65 Claims, 57 Drawing figures

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Apr 3, 1990

DOCUMENT-IDENTIFIER: US 4914590 A  
TITLE: Natural language understanding system

Abstract Paragraph Left (1):

A hybrid natural language understanding (NLU) system which is particularly designed for processing natural language text. Primary functional components of the NLU system include a preprocessor; a word look-up and morphology module which communicates with a lexicon and a learning module; a syntactic parser which interfaces with an augmented transition network (ATN) grammar; a case frame applier, which converts the syntactic structure into canonical, semantic "case frames"; and a discourse analysis component which integrates explicit and implied information in the text into a conceptual structure which represents its meaning. This structure may be passed on to a knowledge based system, data base, to interested analysts or decision makers, etc. Significant feedback points are provided, e.g., the case frame applier may notify the syntactic parser of a semantically incorrect parse, or the syntactic parser may seek a semantic judgment based on a fragmentary parse. This system incorporates a novel semantic analysis approach based largely on case grammar.

Brief Summary Paragraph Right (4):

However, there is another NLU application that is less publicized but much more important. Even if the information in a data base is readily accessible, how accurate and timely is that information. For example, in message processing applications, many messages arrive at an intelligence center in an unformatted, "free text" form (i.e., natural language). No present NLU system can account for all of English, and in order to accomplish any useful work with such a system, it is built with a specific, limited task in mind. The linguistic structures and vocabulary that a system can handle are specifically targeted to an application domain and expected text input format. A special use of language peculiar to a domain is often referred to as a "sublanguage", a term encompassing dialects and jargons. A significant part of an NLU developer's job is to discover the characteristics of a sublanguage and specify them for the requirements of an NLU development system.

Detailed Description Paragraph Right (123):

PAKTUS includes data bases of information about words (lexical information) and concepts (semantic information). This section deals primarily with the lexical component. The conceptual component is mentioned in a few places where it interfaces with the lexical one. It is fully discussed below at Section 5. Section 4.1 defines the current PAKTUS lexical categories and their associated features. The overall structure and operation of the lexicon is explained in section 4.2. Finally, section 4.3 explains how the lexicon is extended.

Detailed Description Paragraph Right (143):

PAKTUS recognizes a prescribed set of "affixes" (prefixes and suffixes) and knows how they ordinarily affect the lexical and semantic content of words to which they are added. It also has rules specifying how they alter the spelling when combined with a root (e.g., when adding -ly to a word ending in "y" first change the "y" to "i" as in happy .fwdarw.happily). A subset of these (-s, -'s, -er -est, -ly, -ed, -ing, and -th, along with their spelling variants) have completely predictable effects when added to certain word classes (e.g., -er always makes an adjective comparative, although it is less certain what it does to a verb) For this subset, PAKTUS derives the information about the inflected form when it is first encountered and keeps it in virtual memory. It does not ask the dictionary officer for confirmation of the derivation since there is no doubt, nor does it write the derived form permanently in the lexicon data base. This saves space with little or no cost in processing time.

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TITLE: Method and apparatus for processing free-format data

DATE-ISSUED: August 7, 2001

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TITLE: Free format data processing method e.g. for computer - processing free format data to produce text object associated with free format data with text object has several component nodes containing attribute type identifiers for elements of free format text and other data

INVENTOR: HETHERINGTON, G



PRIORITY-DATA: 1997AU-0000 (April 22, 1997)

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